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Lombard Mennonite Peace Center To Offer “Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders”

“The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* . . . was ‘**life transforming**’ for me . . . My faith and call to peacemaking came together . . . My ministry and life will not be the same and I am equipped to be ‘part of the solution’ instead of being part of the problem.” This was the sentiment of a pastor/therapist who participated in Lombard Mennonite Peace Center’s (LMPC) ***Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders***. Other participants in the training have had similar responses.

During the week of **May 5 - 9, 2008**, LMPC will be conducting this dynamic training event at **St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, IL**. The leader of the institute will be Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director.

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* has also been described by participants as being “A great event for developing skills in working with conflict in the church,” as **“the best continuing education event I’ve attended in all my years of ministry,”** and as “Well worth your investment of self as well as resources.” One participant advises, **“You must take one week out of your life to do this!”**

The institute focuses on: individual styles of response to conflict; win-win negotiation skills; skills to mediate conflict between individuals; and tools to effectively manage congregational conflict. A component on group consultation and intervention is also included. Specific attention is given to mediating conflict in the church, though the skills gained are also helpful in other settings including the home, the school, and the workplace.

LMPC is committed to the mission of helping the church grow into health and wholeness, into all that Christ wants the church to be. LMPC pursues that mission by conducting workshops on biblical peacemaking and conflict transformation skills and by providing mediation and consultation services for conflicted churches in addition to offering several *Mediation Skills Training Institutes* yearly.

The cost for this five-day institute is \$650 if registered by April 7, 2008, and \$725 after that date. A registration brochure and other information may be obtained by writing to: LMPC, 101 W. 22nd St., Suite 206, Lombard, IL 60148. Email Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org or call 630-627-0507. Also, learn more about LMPC and other training events at the website: www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

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